has been reiterated. The Kelkar Committee has been set up by the Department of Chemicals as per norms set by them.

Drugs required for National Health Programme

4228 SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 306 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs under the Eight National Health Programme recommended for price control;

(b) what are the names of those drugs under Eight Programmes, which have not been recommended for price control;

(c) what are the reasons for exclusion of each of the drugs from price control;

(d) what are the purchases of each of the omitted drugs for National Health Programmes during the last year and current year till dates;

(e) what were their purchase price under DPCO, 1979 and what is their purchase price now; and

(f) to what extent the exchequer is likely to be affected by such price increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A list of Drugs recommended for the 8 National Programmes is annexed (*vide* unstarred Question 4199 *supra*).

Iodine salts and the vaccines don't figure under category I of the Drug Prices Control Order. Iodine salts being considered as food items has been dropped out. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reiterated its recommendations for inclusion of Sera and Vaccine required for the EPI Programme.

(d) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

(e) and (f) Price fixation of drugs and formulations is carried out by Bureau of Industrial Cost and Pricing (BICP) under Ministry of Industry.

Shifting of Rifampicin to category-II

4229. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1996 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the various sources which recommended/requested his ministry for Shifting of Rifampicin from category-I to category-II and what were the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the reasons that only Rifampicin was singled out and Pyrazinanide Dapsone and Atropimets in category-I were not considered for the purpose;

(c) whether this recommendation is in contravention of Government's decision; and

(d) what are the reasons that all drugs of category-I have not been reviewed before shifting to category-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Representation was received to consider de-categorisation of Rifampicin and not other anti-T.B. Drugs by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This representation was examined and necessary recommendation was sent by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the concerned Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had examined Re-categorisation of those drugs under Category-I for which representations were received

Drugs required for National Family Welfare Programme

4230. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of all the bank drugs, required for National Family Welfare Programme, have been decontrolled;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of the above, prices of all the bulk drugs have risen by over 40 percent which has resulted in consequential increase in the prices of formulations, as well;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for omitting these drugs from the list of drugs required for National Health Programme; and

(d) by when the last of such drugs required for this programme would be communicated to Department of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prices of drugs and formulations are fixed by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP), Ministry of Industry. Any undue rise in Price will be monitored by Deptt. of Chemicals.

(c) and (d) Drugs for certain National Programmes which do not figure under Category-I yet are being evaluated by the Ministry of Health and will be recommended to the concerned Ministry by September, 1988.

Price control of drugs used under child and Maternal Health Programme

4231. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 311 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs used under Child and Maternal Health Programme which are exclusively used for National Health Programme, among the list of drugs recommended for price control;

(b) what are the names of the drugs which are not exclusively used but have still been included;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are hardly four or five drugs which are exclusively used;

(d) the names of the experts who evolved the criteria of exclusive use;

(e) whether it is a fact that only 1 per cent of the total use of Hydrocortisone is in form of eye ointments and drops; if so, reasons for their inclusion in the list; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that 40 per cent of Framycetin 40 per cent of Polymixin and 25 per cent of Gentamycin and similar position of Betamethasone, Dexamethasone, Dexamethasone is in use for eye preparations; if so, the reasons for which they have been omitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The list of drugs required under Maternal and Child Health Programme is being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(b) to (d) The drugs which have already been included under Price Control are given in Category-I and Category-II of the DPCO.

While some drugs are more or less used for single therapeutic conditions, there are other drugs which can be used in other therapeutic conditions in the same or other dosage forms.

There is no separate panel or experts to decide every criteria separately.

(e) and (f) The market share of a drug vis-a-vis its therapeutic indications is not monitored by Ministry of Health. However, it is one thing for drugs which can be used for opthalmic conditions, it is another thing to identify them under a programme.

Drugs for STD programme and National Family Welfare Programme

4232. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer